

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE: **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN**

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY

She will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

GROWING THE ECONOMY

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her mission to Japan has already attracted 630 new jobs and \$116 million in new investment from 10 Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21st Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why she extended health services to nearly 100,000 more citizens and created the MiRx drug discount program that is helping 32,000 Michiganians purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

EDUCATING OUR KIDS

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

Granholm Administration Accomplishments for Michigan's Veterans

Despite a Republican-led legislature, the Granholm administration has consistently and successfully fought for all Michigan citizens, including Michigan's military veterans. Governor Granholm is committed to honoring and protecting the rights of Michigan's veterans and service women and men. Since taking office, Governor Granholm's administration has:

- **Ensured Jobs for Veterans.** Signed legislation to give preference to a qualified disabled veteran of up to ten percent of the amount of a competitively bid contract for items needed by State agencies. The bill would make it the goal of the Department to award each year at least three percent of its total expenditures for construction, goods, and services to qualified disabled veteran.;
- **Protected Soldiers' Pay.** Signed legislation that permits local governmental units to provide differential pay for their employees who enter into active military service to help defray lost civilian pay.
- **Signed legislation to help increase the pay for National Guard members called to active duty.**
- **Protected Soldiers' Law Enforcement Certification.** Signed legislation that specifies that a commissioned-certified law enforcement officer who is a member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces and who is called to active duty would not be considered to have discontinued his or her employment as a commission-certified law enforcement officer. In addition, the officer's certification could not become void during the term of active military service.
- **Signed legislation that provides tax filing extensions to active duty military personnel.**
- **Protected Parental Rights of Service Women and Men.** Signed legislation that protects the parental rights of military personnel serving in the Michigan National Guard while they are on active duty.
- **Provided College Tuition Grants for Veterans' Children.** Signed legislation known as the Children of Veterans Tuition Act which will provide the children of certain Michigan veterans with grants for college tuition.
- **Signed legislation to allow procurement of U.S. flags for veterans' graves.** Legislation signed by Governor Granholm allows the legislative body of a city, village, township, or county to procure and furnish, at the local unit of government's expense, flag holders and U.S. flags for the graves of veterans located within the city, village, township, or county at a cemetery that is not owned by that local unit of government.
- **Honored Purple Heart Medal Winners.** Signed legislation that creates the "Purple Heart Monument Act." This legislation requires the erection of a monument to honor Michigan citizens who have received the Military Order of the Purple Heart Medal. The monument will be located in Veterans Memorial Park in Lansing.
- **Honored Purple Heart Medal Winners.** Signed legislation that expands the Veterans Memorial Park in Lansing to accommodate the Purple Heart Monument.
- **Honored Fallen Soldiers.** Signed legislation designating a section of U.S. 24 in Monroe County as the "Fallen Soldiers of Iraqi Freedom Memorial Highway."

- **Created the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF).** Signed legislation that establishes the MFRF to provide financial assistance to families of soldiers suffering financial hardships as a result of active duty or a line-of-duty-related injury or illness, and allows taxpayers to designate \$2 each for the MFRF on income tax returns beginning in 2007. The Legislature and the Governor are also working on an interim spending bill that will provide about \$500,000 to cover grants next year.
- **Visited Michigan troops in Iraq at Thanksgiving 2005.** Governor Granholm went to Iraq to extend her gratitude and appreciation for their service to state and country.
- **Initiated “Operation Troop Connect” in 2004.** This initiative collected telephone calling cards for military members and their families so they could stay in touch with each other during the holiday season.
- **Proposed funding to bring Guardsmen home for the holidays in 2003.**

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